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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: 1801)
MONTAGNIER et al. 8/3/95)
Serial No.: 08/067,148) Group Art Unit: 1813
Filed: May 26, 1993) Examiner: J. Stucker
For: ANTIBODIES WHICH BIND WITH)
PROTEINS OF HUMAN IMMUNO-)
DEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1)
(HIV-1), AND IMMUNE)
COMPLEXES COMPRISING)
PROTEINS OF HIV-1)
(AS AMENDED))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

LETTER

Further in response to the Advisory Action of November 15, 1994, and further to the Amendment filed July 11, 1995, applicants submit the enclosed letter from the publishers of the Barre-Sinoussi et al. abstract (see pages 8-10 of the Amendment and Exhibit 1 therein). The letter states that the date of publication of the text from which the Barre-Sinoussi abstract is taken is actually April 8, 1986. Therefore, for the reasons stated in the Amendment filed July 11, 1995, the Barre-Sinoussi abstract is not "prior art" to this application. A timely Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this submission, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under

37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
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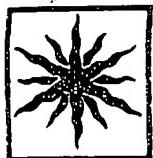
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Attn: Tina Kelley

Dear Ms. Kelley,

Please be advised that the date of publication of our title *Retroviruses and Human Pathology*, edited by Robert Gallo is April 8, 1986.

Sincerely,

Sharon Leary
Business Manager